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Examiner: J. Douglas Schultz

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/227,881
Filed: January 11, 1999
Title: *Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods for the Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of Glaucoma and Related Disorders*
Applicants: Thai D. NGUYEN *et al.*
Atty. Docket No.: 16491.066

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/30);
2. a Petition for Extension of Time;
3. a Submission Accompanying a Request for Continuing Examination
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. PTO Form-1449 (1 page) with 5 accompanying documents; and
6. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

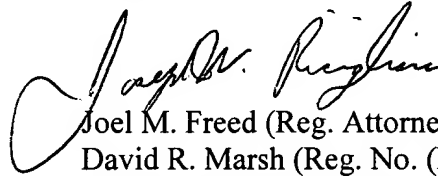
Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16491.066.

<u>\$770.00</u>	Request for Continued Examination fee; and
<u>\$110.00</u>	Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Applicants do not believe any fees in addition to those set forth above are due in conjunction with this submission. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16491.066. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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